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Boden is player of the year



Ken Boden in action

Ken Boden, the 28-year-old English striker of Newcastle KB United, is the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year.

He wins a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

Boden also finished the season as the league's joint top scorer. He and Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs scored 14 goals each.

Boden was given a rating of nine out of 10 for his performance in Newcastle's 1-0 victory over Marconi at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

That brought his average to 7.8 over the 24 matches in which he has played.

Runner-up was Brisbane City centre back Steve Perry who finished with an average of 7.76.

Third with 7.7 was West

Adelaide Hellas mid-fielder Neil McGachey.

Both Perry and McGachey were given eight-point ratings for their performances in the last round.

Ken Boden, who works as a car salesman for Bill Knibb's Motor Market in Newcastle, came to Australia early this year.

Born in Rotherham, he played for Sheffield United, Matlock Town, Scunthorpe, Bridlington, Brig Town, Hull City and Doncaster Rovers in England.

From 1965 to 1977 he scored an average of 15 goals a season.

He was voted Player of the Year at Matlock Town and Bridlington, with whom he won the Yorkshire League Cup.

Although Bobby Charlton was the major attraction at the Newcastle v Marconi game last Saturday, it was Boden who proved the most dangerous man on the field.

Writing about the match, "Soccer Action's" Joe Lanzoni says: "Boden, who must be the PSL 'find' of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague.

His best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through, beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right-foot drive from the edge of the penalty area, only to see it rebound off the upright".

Boden is also in the running for the Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year award.

Significantly, this award was won last year by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who, like Boden, had earlier won the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award.

Final standings of the leaders in the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award:

1. KEN BODEN (Newcastle) — 7.8 average over 24 games. Breakdown: two 6's, seven 7's, eleven 8's, six 9's.

2. STEVE PERRY (Brisbane City) — 7.76 average over 25 games. Breakdown: three 6's, eight 7's, seven 8's, six 9's, one 10.

3. NEIL McGACHEY (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.7 average over 26 games. Breakdown: two 6's, nine 7's, ten 8's, five 9's. 4. ZDRAVKO LUJIC (Footscray J.U.S.T.) — 7.65 average over 23 games. Breakdown: five 6's, four 7's, eight 8's, six 9's.

5. ROBERTO VIERI (Marconi) — 7.62 average over 24 games. Breakdown: three 6's, nine 7's, seven 8's, four 9's, one 10.

6. CON KAMPAS (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.6 average over 20 games. Breakdown: three 6's, eight 7's, three 8's, six 9's.

Scorers' battle will continue

The Konstantine Jewel Box award for the top scorer in the Philips League has been extended into the Philips Cup, to break the tie between Ken Boden (Newcastle) and Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs).

Boden and Eaton finished the league series with 14 goals each.

If they are level after that game, penalty goals will be subtracted and the award will go to the player who has scored most regular goals.

and in the second round against St. George.

Boden scored in the second round against Sydney Croatia.

The battle of the strikers may be decided when Newcastle and Wests meet in their Cup quarter final in Newcastle on Sunday.

However, counting Cup games, Eaton has 16 goals and Boden 15.

Eaton scored in the first round against Sutherland.

Maltese giants clash

Calling all the Maltese people of Melbourne — especially the 18,000 who live in St. Albans ...

An attraction that occurs only twice a year will be presented for them at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans on Sunday.

It is the clash between Ajax and George Cross — the two Maltese clubs of the Victorian State League.

Officials and players of both clubs have called on all the Maltese people of St. Albans and surrounding districts to attend the big match and show that the Maltese clubs are among the strongest in Victoria.

Last time the clubs met, Ajax won 5-0.

"Soccer Action" asked former Victorian State player Tony Vella, who has coached

both Ajax and George Cross, how he thinks the game will go this time.

"As far as George Cross is concerned, this will be their most important match of the year, because their pride was hurt badly last time," he said.

"Coach John Sanchez will really have his players revved up. They want revenge."

"However, Ajax showed their class in that big victory and are talented enough to win again — although not by as big a margin. It will be a hell of a game."

A special two-page preview appears on pages eight and nine of this issue.

And now — an honor for Adam?



Jubilant Greek supporters carry West Adelaide defender Con Kampas from the field on their shoulders. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Former Australian international Jim Adam is hot favorite for the Coach of the Year award after capping a colorful career by leading West Adelaide Hel-

las to the Philips League championship.

The Coach of the Year will be named at the Australian Soccer Press Association presentation night at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney on October 12.

Jim Adam took over from John Margaritis as coach of West Adelaide in the 11th round.

West Adelaide won seven

games in a row under Adam

before having its run interrupted by a loss to Brisbane Lions in Brisbane.

In the remaining eight

games, West lost only once —

to league runner-up Hakoah.

Last Sunday, Adam's men clinched the title by drawing 1-1 with Adelaide City

in front of more than 16,000 fans at the Olympic Sports Field.

Vic Bozanic scored the equalising goal only five minutes from the end, after John Perin had put Juventus into the lead.

Adam coached Fitzroy Alexander in the seventh round of the 1977 season, when he quit.

He has also coached Melbourne, George Cross, Croatia, Makedonia and Hakoah in the State League.

He had 10 years as a professional player with Astoria Stoke City, Luton Town and Farnborough before coming to Australia to play for South Melbourne Hellas.

He represented Australia in 1964 and was assistant national coach in 1967. He also played four games for Victoria and was State coach in 1967.

Key men in West Adelaide's surge to the title were midfielders Neil McGachey and Peter Boyle, centre backs David Jones and Con Kampas and goalkeeper Marty Crook.

Goalscorers: 7. Ian McGregor; 5. Graham Honeyman; 4. McGachey, Boyle, Graeme Norris, Jones, Vic Bozanic; 2. Kampas; 1. Eric Carruthers, Peter Tymczyszyn and Barry Reynolds.



Pierino Prati

Colin Bell

Superstars coming

Colin Bell, Pierino Prati and George Armstrong are reported to be joining Brisbane City.

Bell, one of the finest players Manchester City has had, made 48 international appearances for England. Prati is one of the all-time greats of AC Milan and Armstrong played about 600 games for Arsenal — more than any other player in the club's history.



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THE GREEN AND AND GOLD

Naturalisation puts him in line for Gutendorf's squad

players than in the "old country."

"We do much more running here and, luckily, running is something I have always enjoyed."

"By contrast, Brazilian soccer players train for longer hours but, at least in my days back in Rio, most of it was low intensity ball work, with hardly any running."

"From what we saw of the World Cup on television, I suppose, all that is changing now."

So, Hilton Silva returned to Hakoah, ready to resume where he left off before his injury, but he had not foreseen the hard road ahead of him.

David Macaren, who took over coaching from **Charlie Fleming** ("a great guy, good coach who always encouraged me, but I never understood a word he was saying"), in his thick Scottish accent did not perceive the same potential in Hilton as did Hakoah's officials.

"I don't think David liked the Brazilian style of play, he preferred the Scottish way," Silva says.

"For several seasons, I was

playing most of my football in the reserves and I know he tried to sell both Agenor Muniz and me."

In fairness, Silva pointed out that Macaren never saw him at his best, before breaking his leg.

"Everybody kept telling David how terrific I was but he only saw a player trying to come back from a bad injury."

However, Silva carries another from the Macaren era at Hakoah.

"To play well, a footballer must trust his coach, feel some mutual care, and be able to enjoy the companionship."

"Under David, there were problems, with a split between the Scots in the team on one side and the rest on the other."

"This does not exist any more. Now, we are one good, happy crowd and Gerry Chaldi must take the credit for this."

Silva claimed that the Israel's image as a gentle, quiet man is misleading.

"Gerry just looks gentle, but in reality he is very, very

hard and a firm disciplinarian. "However, he doesn't call you names, shows respect to all his players and is, in turn, trusted by them."

Gerry, all of us do whatever is asked of us."

Silva, in his own mind, is convinced that in Brazil, he would have become established first division player, but acknowledges that superstar status was not within his reach.

"This influenced me in making my home in Sydney. Here, I am not just one of the thousands of players running around the country."

"There is also a hard material logic behind my decision to stay here."

"While soccer is king in Brazil, at my peak back there, I would not have been able to achieve a standard of living for my family comparable with what I have here."

"This will be the big problem in introducing full-time professionalism in Australia. You don't go in with part-time soccer earnings, and the salary from your outside job, are combined."

As for the club which made

this material prosperity and contentment possible, Silva is adamant that "Hakoah is the best club in Australia to play for."

"This applies to the club in every respect, not just the money they pay the players; he says.

"Hakoah has always been like a big family, and whenever we have any problems or I have had a fall over the years there was always someone in the club — whether the late Tibor Kalmam, Andrew Lederman, officials or fans — to help me."

With the current drawing to a close, Hilton Silva, wife Leda and their daughter Cassandra are looking forward to a visit to their family in Brazil during the off-season.

But the thought uppermost

In Hilton's mind is the determining challenge he is going to throw to the number eleven shirt in the Socceroo squad next year.

"I feel I am still improving my game and I want to get into the national team," he says.

"To play for his country one day is the goal of every footballer, and I'm no different in this respect."

"It is the only thing I haven't achieved yet in my playing career."

So, as Hilton, Leda and Cassandra sun themselves on the smooth golden sand of Copacabana during the summer months, the likeable and

immensely skilful winger — one of the true gentlemen of Aussie soccer — may be forgotten for thinking of what might have been.

Instead of the gold shirt of Brazil, which he dreamt of with all the other little boys of Rio, he may end up wearing the gold shirt of Australia.

If you are tempted to believe that there is a certain tinge of regret in his daydreaming, next time you see Hilton Silva, ask him.

He'll soon set you straight!



Silva (left) and his coach Gerry Chaldi, who helped the Brazilian wizard come back after a broken leg.



• The first days in Australia . . . Hakoah's batch of Brazilian imports (from right) Silva, George Rianelli (later with Prague), Lucio Lopes (who is still playing in Whyalla, South Australia), Agenor Muniz (now with Adelaide City) and goalie Edson Cardoso, who was injured soon after arrival and dropped out of soccer.

HAKOAH TOPS — SO FAR

always managed to frustrate the Hellas forwards, he will find it difficult this time to control former Liverpool forward Alun Evans, supported by Duncan Cummings and perhaps Billy Bergmann.

Bergmann, who scored 32 goals for Swedish fourth division club Horby last season, has overcome an injury suffered at training and hopes to play in the big match.

Fans are hoping for their first look at Bergmann, and there are also hoping to see Marconi, Ireland, who was bought a few weeks ago from Argentinian First Division club Huracan.

In Adelaide on Sunday, West Adelaide will try to show that its 1-2 loss to Hakoah in their second round match was not a true indication of form.

After all, West Adelaide played without sweeper Con Kampas and striker Dave Pillans in that match.

It's interesting to note that West Adelaide's Graham Honeyman and Graeme Norris are former Hakoah players.

Honeyman scored nine goals for Hakoah in the NSW State League in 1976 and scored three times for West

How it works

The winner of the West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Easts match will qualify for the Philips League final.

The loser will play the winner of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi match for the other place in the final.

The loser of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi game will be eliminated.

The next round of the finals is on September 10. Venues will be chosen according to which teams take part.



Marconi's Jimmy Rooney (left) and South Melbourne's Mike Pye — they'll clash on Sunday.

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Former national captain John Warren

ACT 'starlets' go into camp

Forty five of the best young players in the ACT registered for Canberra City's first professional coaching school last week.

The school, run along similar lines to those Ruhiasic and I organised nationally, is the first of many planned by City in the future.

The current week-long camp is the forerunner to a summer school, one at Christmas and one at the beginning of the 1979 season.

A team of ten coaches, which is backed by Canberra City is Vic Farnham and local international player John Perini.

Guest appearances will be made by Canberra City players, including schoolboy internationals Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic, who have both recently returned from touring the United States with the Australian schoolboys team.

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The mood in Canberra is much brighter and enthusiastic following the opening of the club's new premises in East Row, Civic last week by the club's patron, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

The new club is three times bigger than previous rooms, ideal for much bigger social functions.

The ten new school machines will be supplemented by another ten due to arrive early in October.

Club officials estimate that the club will be self supportive within the next six months.

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The season is far from over for City with an active program for the team and its supporters.

By the time City will be back to full strength — Moulis and Milovanovic back from the United States, Brown's arm out of plaster, Salgado out of hospital and Davies fully recovered from his back injury.

On September 10, City meets leading ACT State League side Crosta Deakin, on September 17, Newcastle KB and City play for the Prime Ministers Cup at Bruce, and on the 24th, City meets Fitzroy in the quarter finals of the PSL Cup — also at Bruce Stadium.

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City vice president, Charles Perkins, currently on a world tour for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, spent several days with City's guest star and current Motherwell forward Peter Marinello.

Marinello is unhappy with Motherwell and has been placed on the transfer list at the request of the club.

Motherwell reportedly refused £80,000 from Celtic for Marinello and even though he would love to return to City for next year it appears as though at that price he is well beyond City's reach — or any other PSL club for that matter.

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By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide Hellas grabbed the 1978 Philips Soccer League title when they drew 1-1 with Adelaide City Juventus in a tense, heart stopping clash at Hindmarsh Stadium.

An Adelaide record PSL attendance of 16,251 saw Vic Bozanic produce an explosive 85th minute deft left foot flick which wiped out John Perini's brilliant 53rd minute free kick.

Hellas coach Jim Adam was ecstatic after the game after he had seen his team fight back from the brink of defeat.

Up to the last few words is say about 'Australian' soccer journalist Stephen Blatchford who described West Adelaide as "such a dull team."

"It was a senseless statement to make and it was just the motivation the boys needed," Adam said.

"We proved today that the best soccer is played in Adelaide and the best team we have played all year is Adelaide City."

It is a mystery why they haven't done better.

Indeed Adelaide City played splendidly and they were brimming

with confidence from the start while West Adelaide looked nervous and unsettled.

But West Adelaide, tackling hard and running powerfully, looked the more threatening team early in the first half.

Their confidence soared when important goals arrived fast. Bozanic hammered a ferocious 25 metre shot over the bar in the 19th minute.

And five minutes later Graham Norris rose superbly to head powerfully inches over the bar.

In between, Brian Northcote hit a scorching straight at Martyn Crook and John Nykoshuk shot twice, but wide.

Both defences were on top and Frank Lester, the man of the match, was the man of the match standing for Adelaide City.

He was the pivotal point in defence and big Dave Pillans was finding it hard to win high balls.

And at the other end Con Kampas and Dave Jones had a tough battle with Dide Deane.

Juventus looked dangerous in the last 15 minutes of the first half and they continued after the break.

After eight minutes of the second half, Perini scored one of the most outstanding goals of the year.

John Bearl touched a free kick 25 metres from goal, and Perini struck it with awesome ferocity.

Crook dived valiantly but it would have beaten any goalkeeper.

Juventus reduced Hellas to a ragged, disillusioned team for a while but West Adelaide bounced back with determination that has marked their immediate drive to the top of the league.

Bozanic almost grabbed an equaliser with 10 minutes to go when he beat Juventus keeper, Peter Marshall, to a cross, but his header fell only inches wide of the post.

It was the first time Marshall had beaten him and he looked even more classless.

John Nykoshuk could have given the game up two minutes later, but his powerful ground shot flew

JUVE!

Juventus (Vic) stormed home to beat Brighton 4-1 in the final of the Telstra Cup last weekend.

Five under 14 teams, Juventus, Brighton, Keyborough, Seaford and Springfield, competed for the cup, playing a round robin with the top two teams qualifying for the final.

The games were 20 minutes each way, and the two finalists ended up playing five games (200 minutes of soccer), but a bad effort for day's work.

Juve beat Brighton 1-0 in the round robin, but added by the draw (which gave Juventus a break before the final, while Brighton had to take the field almost immediately after finishing the team's last round robin game) the Juve boys were too strong, running out 4-1 winners.

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St. George 1 West Sub. 0

This corner kick, and the tall striker headed the ball into the top left hand corner of Eaton's goal. It looked a goal all the way, but out of nowhere O'Donnell raced in to head the ball away.

George continued to attack in the second half, tearing West Sub apart but failing to score despite numerous good scoring chances that fell to his forward train.

After a good job from the left, Nev Morgan should have scored. Faced with Terry Eaton, Morgan took too long to control the ball, then hit a left foot drive over the bar.

In the 53rd minute, Doug Ujieseovac found himself with a cross pass for Mark Ronson on the left flank. St George's youngster crossed for Nev Morgan to head past the post, from only five metres out.

Only two minutes later, Terry Eaton showed his class by keeping the ball out of the net with his great saves. A cross by Morgan found O'Connor at the far post. A header by O'Connor from point blank range brilliantly saved by Simeon Coyle's keeper Roy Stone deflected the ball past the post.

The ball bounced to John O'Shea, who laid it off to Hensman to hit a 16 metre drive, but Eaton was again there to fingertip the ball away for a corner.

Hensman had another opportunity in the 75th minute after a great run by O'Connor, but his shot from 20 metres was saved by Terry Eaton.

The game finished on a sour note for those who had two players booked.

David Harding was booked for a foul on John O'Shea in the 50th minute, while Soccer captain Peter Wilson earned the yellow card for dissent in the 85th minute.

If all the good scoring chances had been put away, the score could have been a staggering 7-3 in favour of St. George.

As it happened 1-0 proved enough to show that the better team had won.

For the winners, Ralph Coates proved the master again, while Utješević, with his confidence restored once again the inspiration for the youngsters at the back.

With Gross and Harris missing from the back four, Doug played himself into the hole to inspire confidence into the back line.

Nev Morgan, Hensman and O'Connor must think themselves very lucky not to have scored a few more, but played well enough to create chances.

Terry Eaton and Peter Stone were the only bright spots in the West side line up while Clive Eaton has only himself to blame for not

'BEST SOCCER IN ADELAIDE': ADAM

scored in his brief but illuminating career.

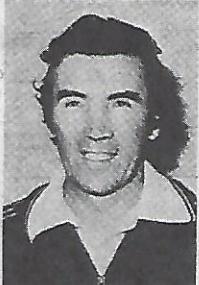
Not satisfied with only getting the equaliser, Bozanic unleashed a 30 metre shot, 10 seconds later which brought out the very best from Marshall, who diverted it for a corner.

When referee Peter Ramplay blew his whistle two minutes in injury time, the stadium roared with noise which had never been heard before at a South Australian soccer match.

West captain Neil McGachery got the only card of the match for a harmless looking tackle on Deans.

McGachery is perilously close to 12 points which would mean suspension and could miss next week's top four match against Eastern Suburbs.

Meanwhile McGregor had to come off at half time and was nursing a swollen shoulder after the match.



Jim Adam

Adel. Juve 1. WA Hellas 1

around the far post with Crook beaten.

Bozanic came close again with a long shot, but it went over the bar. However two minutes later his moment came.

Peter Boyle pushed a ball in his path, Bozanic beat off two defenders and Marshall diverted it for a superb equaliser.

Bozanic was mobbed by his team mates and he could not hide his jubilation realising that it was the most important goal he has

scored in his brief but illuminating career.

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Canberra back to 1977 position

By PETER WINDSOR

The 1978 League season is over. South Melbourne-Hellas finished it on the high note of victory — Canberra City in the doldrums of defeat.



Canberra 0 SM-Hellas 3

The first came in the 15th minute when a Stoddart header had goal written all over it, but somehow Hansen got across to tip it around the post.

In the 26th minute when Heywood's shot looked destined for the corner of the net, Hansen tipped it round for a corner and off. Sixty seconds later he pulled off another incredible reflex action save to stop Terry Byrne's header from the corner kick.

South Melbourne, too, went close. Defender Chris Kefalidis struck a ball beautifully, but it took a deflection and rapped City's crossbar with Tilled standing still.

But the real pressure was coming from Canberra, and one anticipated the equaliser would come eventually.

Just five minutes after the interval, Stoddart's shot from 20 metres looked like it might be the one, but again Hansen with a cat-like leap saved the day.

Eight minutes later Hellas wrapped up the game. A quick break and City's defence was caught badly off balance.

Only teenager Stephen Hogg was positioned to cover, and he made a valiant effort to do so. Hansen's shot on Billy Bergman allowed the ball to bounce to Cummings.

Again Hogg tackled, but Cummings still got in a shot, which easily beat the advancing Tilled.

With Canberra's forwards wasting opportunities, only a extreme optimist would have thought victory possible.

South Melbourne knew they had the game won.

Duncan Cummings gave his side their third and final goal in the 75th minute.

In defeat Canberra ended up as they did in the Philips League's inaugural year — second from the bottom.

Now they have but two chances left to make amends against Canterbury in the Cup semi-final game in Canberra on September 24, and against Newcastle in the Prime Minister's Cup on September 30.

As Johny Warren reported in 'Soccer Action' last week this is a social end-of-season tournament organised by the Board of Directors which it is hoped will become an annual affair.

The Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser is expected to present the trophy.



Yanks chase Roos

American clubs are interested in six members of the Australian schoolboys squad that returned from its tour at the weekend.

However, coach Bobby McGachery would not let them "sign up to the players and their clubs whether they want to make any negotiations," he said.

The schoolboys were undefeated in four matches. Results: USA 1-0 Colombia; USA 1-1 scorer Raskopoulos; Washington State 9-1 scorers Moulis 3, Raskopoulos 2, Krieger 2; Hunter 2; v California 3-0; San Jose 4-0; Hunter 2-0; Hunter, v USA 2-1 (abandoned), scorer Christopoulos 2.

The game against USA Youth was abandoned when the two coaches agreed that their boys should defect to avoid further trouble caused by bad refereeing decisions.

Just before the abandonment, a USA player was sent off for knighting Eddie Krueger.

The NASL club that showed most interest in the Australian players is Seattle Sounders.

Former coach Jim Gabriel (ex-Swede) sent his assistant to San Francisco to watch the Australians play there.



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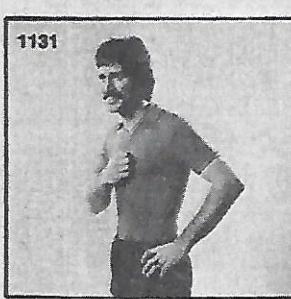
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Semi final: South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi at Middle Park, 3 pm Sunday.

IN ADELAIDE

Semi final: West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Easts at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 pm Sunday.

IN NEWCASTLE

Philips Cup quarter final: Newcastle KB Utd v Western Suburbs, International Sports Centre, 3 pm Sunday.

Masson moves

London, Scottish midfielder Don Masson has returned to Notts County where he played from 1968 to 1975. Notts manager Jimmy Strel signed Masson for 30,000 Australian dollars. Masson, 21, made full circle after leaving Notts County for Queens Park Rangers in 1974, and moving on to Derby County last year. Previously he had played for Middlesbrough.

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W. ADEL. HELLAS	9	1	3	24	14	7	3	3	18	13	42:27	36
HAKOAH-EASTS	7	2	3	27	10	8	3	3	25	17	49:27	35
S. HELB. HELLAS	7	3	3	26	12	5	5	3	18	18	45:30	32
MARCONI	8	3	2	30	14	4	3	6	16	17	46:31	30

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

MARSHALL (2) (Ad Juve)	LISTER (2) (Ad Juve)	RATCLIFFE (1) (Bris City)	MOWBRAY (3) (ES Hak)
UTJESEROVIC (3) (St Geo)	RISTIC (1) (JUST)	MUNIZ (2) (Ad Juve)	BOZANIC (1) (WA Hellas)
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 12. J. Campbell (Alex.)
 11. O'Connor (St. Geo.), Vieri (Marc.), Cole (Alex.).
 10. Cumming (SM-Hellas).
 9. Fisher (West Sub.), Jankovic, Ollerton (Marc.), Grunicic, T. Byrne (Can.), Hughes (Lions).
 8. E. Campbell, Silva (Hak.).

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

CANBERRA 0 STH MELB HELLAS 3 (Cummings 2, Lutton) at Bruce Stadium, Crowd 4200.

Rating by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Tilled 6; Hogg 8, Starke 7, Henderson 7, Kawaleva 8; Stoddart 9, Davies 6 (Lutica 70th), Cant 6; Grulic 7, Heywood 7, Byrne 6.

STH MELB: Hansen 9; Pye 7, Munro 7, Kafatidis 7, Hagegemanouli 7; Lutton 7, Wright 7, Rogers 8; Cummings 8, Evans 8, Bergmann 7.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Bozanic) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Perin) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 16,251.

Players ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

HELLAS: Crook 8, Reynolds 7, Bozanic 8, McGachey 8, Kampas 8, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Pillans 8, Norris 7, Honeyman 7, McGregor 8 (Tymczyszyn 8).

JUVENTUS: Marshall 9, B. Nyakohus 8, Yung 7, Besir 8, Lister 9, Perin 9, Marocchi 7, (Metico 9), Deans 8, Muniz 8, J. Nyakohus 8, Northcote 8.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Lujic 18th) at Olympic Park, crowd about 4000.

Rating by Laurie Schwab.

ALEXANDER: Merner 7; McMillan 8, O'Reilly 7, Bannon 7, Tanne 8; Selemidis 6, Taylor 7, Campbell 7; Bozikas 5, Cole 7, Buljevic 5 (Micevski 70th).

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8; Hazebert 8, Kondaritis 7, Kriaris 7, Kazl 8; Ristic 9, Rujevic 7, Piclano 7, Ilicski 7; Ristovski 6 (Nicolides 75th), Lujic 9.

HAKOAH 2 (Smith, Barnes), OLYMPIC 0 at Wentworth Park, Sydney. Crowd 3530.

Rating by Peter Scott.

HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Muller 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 8, Souness 7, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Smith 7, Silve 7.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 6, Bell 8, Wilson 7, Luckett 6, Cross 7, Jamieson 7, G. Allan 6, Laing 7, McIntosh 7, Ainslie 7 (D. Allan 78th min.).

ST GEORGE 1 (Utejescovic) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Barton Park, Sydney. Crowd 1025.

Rating by Alex Vesic.

ST GEORGE: Cee 7, Utjescovic 9, Terry 7, Holmik 7, M. O'Shea 7, Costes 9, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 7, Hensman 7.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Terry Eaton 8, Skellern 6, Wilson 6, Turnbull 7, Rowden 6, Stone 8, Harding 6, O'Donnell 7, Eaton 6, Vernon 6, Scott 7.

NEWCASTLE KB LTD 1 (Endacott) MARCONI 0 at International Sports Field, Newcastle. Crowd. 16,614.

Rating by Joe Lanzeni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Curran 7, Mason 7, Charlton 8, Endacott 8, Tredennick 7, Boden 9, Galpin 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 7, Russell 7, Prakalo 7, Degney 8, Selvage 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 8, Berry 7, Ollerton 7, Marijan 7.

BRISBANE CITY: 2 (Caldwell, Kelso) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hines 7) at Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd, 4500.

Rating by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS: Lomax 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 6, Wilson 8, Niven 7, Neale 6, Amos 6, Hunes 6, Lazlo 5 (Spearratt 45th, 6), Fairbrother 6, Ontong 6.

CITY — Wihart 7, Faithfull 6, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8, Kibby 7, Coyne 7, Giffney 6, Echeverria 6, Conner 6, Kelso 8, Caldwell 8.

Leading averages after final round (full list next week):

7.6 Boden (Newc)

7.6 Perry (Br. C.)

7.7 McGachey (WA-Hellas)

7.85 Lujic (J.U.S.T.)

7.62 Vieri (Marc.)

7.6 Kampas (WA-Hellas)

7.5 Boyle (WA-Hellas), Rooney (Marc), Henderson (Can.)

7.4 Jones (WA-Hellas), Summerscales (Newc), Starke (Can.)

7.3 J. Nyakohus, B. Nyakohus, Northcote (Adel Juve), Mullen (Hak), Prakalo, Degney, Sharpe (Marc), Lutton (WA-Hellas), O'Connor (St G), Hermiston (Br. Lions),

7.2 Wilson (West Sub), Crook (WA-Hellas), Baxter (SM-Hellas), Meier (Oly), Kondaritis (JUST), Tilled (Can), Buljevic (Alex.)

7.1 Stone (West Sub), Ainslie (Oly), Clarke, Barnes (Hak), Curran (Newc), Tansey (Alex), Rujevic (JUST), T. Byrne (Can), Lownds (Br. Lions).

Let's have justice, says Hakoah

By PETER SCOTT

"We want a fair go!" is the cry around the Hakoah camp following surrender of the Philips League championship title to West Adelaide Hellas last weekend.

Last year's champions are likely by what seems to be a policy of the league management, virtually exiling them from home surroundings for the remaining Top Four play-offs and Phillips Cup matches.

Although it seems too late to change the venue of Sunday's semi-final against champions West Adelaide away from the South Australian capital, it did not stop Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi from being harshly critical of the task being set for his team.

He also issued a strong demand for the match to be played at Olympic Field, rather than West Adelaide's home surroundings at Hindmarsh Stadium.

"It's not right," said PSL president Jim Adam. "Chaldi said, after expressing his disappointment that the fairness and credibility of the new competition wasn't preserved by drawing lots for home advantage in the two semi-final matches."

"Why should Hakoah and Marconi automatically be handicapped by the league?" he asked.



Olympic 0, Hakoah 1

Chaldi was also late about Hakoah having to play its next Phillips Cup match, against Brisbane City, in Brisbane.

"There can be absolutely no justification for scheduling this match in Brisbane," he claimed.

"City are the bottom team in the league and are drawing the second smallest home crowds in the league."

"It's all very well to say we expect to win in three rounds of the Cup that we have to travel to Brisbane, while none of their teams had to play outside Brisbane to date."

"Why was the previous practice of drawing lots for the advantage discontinued on this occasion?" he demanded to know.

Chaldi's comments were supported by Hakoah president Frank Lowy, who said his club will "insist that our supporters be given opportunities to see the team at home again this season".

To put the Hakoah coach's comments into their proper perspective, it must be pointed out they were made before last

weekend's matches which saw the Blues record an easy 2-0 win over Sydney Olympic, but saw their rivals in West Adelaide suffer the same fate.

With the Adelaide score became known in Wentworth Park, Gerry Chaldi — although visibly distressed — paid generous tribute to his rival Jim Adam.

"I can only congratulate Jim for an excellent job with a team which is right up at the top as a result of pure, 100 per cent effort."

"Jim is one of the nicest people in the game and deserves all the praise now coming his way," Chaldi said.

Little did Hakoah's players, officials, fans and well-wishers realise during the Olympic game that they came within four minutes of retaining the title won last year.

In the first half Olympic's Alan Ansaldi went close to giving his side a shock lead with one of his left foot "specials" and Ian Souness was nearly in with a speculative 20 metre drive.

After the half-time break Hakoah still failed to get into its stride and O'Neill responded repeating a little ritual which has become commonplace in recent weeks.

First, big Mark Trenter was ordered off the substitutes' bench.

Almost immediately Terry Smith, who had hardly caused a ripple until then sprang to life to head in a cross from Joe Watson.

Trenter resumed his seat on the bench and Hakoah led 1-0.

Significantly, the 61st minute goal came only minutes after Hakoah started to fully utilise its two devastating wingers, Watson and Hilton Silva.

When Murray Barnes chested down a pass from Mullen ten minutes later, took a couple of steps and, undisturbed by the napping defence, calmly lodged it in the back of Gary Meier's net, he only confirmed Hakoah's year-long superiority over Olympic.

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Charlton's advice

"Bring more individualism back into the game and concentrate on giving skills to the youngsters."

That was the message from the great Bobby Charlton as he arrived from England last week to play guest matches with Newcastle KB United.

"The recent World Cup in Argentina clearly demonstrated this is the time to groom individual brilliance in our players."

"England, like Australia, has gone as far as it can go with method and must now turn to skillful individualism," he said.

"Coaches throughout the world must spread this teaching to the kids and concentrate on skills and make the youngsters enjoy their football once again."

"At the moment too much emphasis is placed on team drills and method and the kids are not enjoying it."

Newcastle wins for big crowd

By Joe Lanzoni

Newcastle KB United ended their initial year in the Philips League competition in a blaze of glory.

The guest appearance of former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton, coupled with the support of the surrounding Rate Marconi team, helped attract a magnificent crowd of 16,000 people who were treated to a great spectacle.

For the people that expressly came to see Charlton they certainly were not disappointed. He brought a roar from the crowd every time he touched the ball and his ability to anticipate moves and glide for timely interceptions has not diminished over the year.

He also showed that he has lost none of his shooting power when in the 58th minute he beat a defenceman and from 25 metres hit the upright with a great right foot shot that would have had the crowd in a frenzy had it gone in.

But for all of Charlton's brilliance it was Ken Boden who once again proved the most difficult player to contain.

Boden, who must be the PSL find of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague.

This best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through, beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right foot drive from the edge of the penalty area only to see it rebound off the upright.

Marconi, forced to take the field without Peter Sharne and Mark Jankovic, had plenty of the game but invariably failed to capitalise on good work up the wing by overplaying in the penalty area and allowing the expert Newcastle defence to scramble away several difficult situations.

With the semi-finals coming up, Marconi desperately needed the brilliance of Sharne in the forward line, to take advantage of the many good moves initiated by Jim Charlton and Roberto Vieri.

Vieri, in the game against Newcastle United last week, gave a great display of creative midfield



Newcastle 1 Marconi 0

play. Although his defensive work sometimes is criticised, he certainly makes up for it with his creativity and vision. Initiating the majority of Marconi's attacking moves.

The game opened evenly with both sides on top and their respective strengths and the only incident of note was a collision between Bill Summerscales for an alleged infringement on Alan Maher.

Lulu, who, together with team mate Andrija Ristic, was the star of this match, had a tiring way towards goal after playing a one-two with Zoran Nedic. He would certainly have had more had Bannon not brought him down.

Two other players were shown the yellow card — Jim Campbell of Alexander for pulling the ball at Marconi, Radekovic's head, and JUST full back Ignac Hazabent for fouling Jim Tansley.

As usual in matches between these two teams, Andy Kazel cleared Bannon's star forward Lulu.

Kazel did such an efficient job that Marconi managed only a couple of one-touch passes and was replaced by Mike Micevski in the 70th minute.

With Buljevic unable to get clear of Kazel, Alexander's attacking moves lacked flair.

Gary Colby obviously missed the through ball, but when he got the ball from Buljevic, by his credit he worked extremely well, winning the ball with sheer strength and barging through to threaten the goal.

Jim Campbell played his usual role in the middle of the penalty area, bobbing up unexpectedly and unmarked but this time luck was not with him and his every shot went astray.

But then it must have been nerves getting to Alexander, because he always seemed to defend a defence of at least six men. Returning after half time with a 1-0 lead, JUST concentrated on defence, that lead and counter-attacking through Lulu.

The goal that won the game came in the 18th minute.

It started with Bannon flooring Lulu who was getting away from him, heading into the penalty area. From the resulting free kick, Marconi's skipper sent off the defensive wall for a corner. He took the corner himself and saw it headed out short by an Alexander defender. The loose ball went to Lulu who carried it through the gap in the net past helpless Jim Marner.

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Kelso's winner

By Bruce Waddell

Brisbane City waited virtually until the last minute of the competition to break through for a long overdue win, when they edged out Brisbane Lions 2-1 at Perry Park.

A very even first half ended scoreless, although the Lions defence, inspired by Col Bennett, several times got into trouble by their own doing.

The aggressive pair Barry Kelso and Kevin Caldwell ran hard with purpose and created most of the City openings.

Caldwell put City ahead from the penalty spot after his first attempt, although successful, had to be retaken because of an encroachment in the area.

Eddie Spearritt, returning as a substitute after several weeks, scored when given a good cross, but a deflection from the post sneaked in under the bar, but the keeper backpedalled and shoved the ball over for a corner.

The equaliser came with 12 minutes left when Lions had two successive corners, and following the second an Amico cross was

good enough to penetrate and Alun Hughes dived into the box to head home.

Two minutes of injury time had elapsed with City producing their sensational winning goal to go out in a blaze of glory.

Coyne again made an interception, this time with the help of Willie Connor, the latter found Kelso streaking down the left wing.

Kelso travelled a few yards, set himself up and despatched a powerful left foot shot out of reach of Lewellen into the far upper corner of the net.

There is a late look of confidence back in the City defence, with David Williams a good cross, and a deflection from the post sneaked in under the bar, but the keeper backpedalled and shoved the ball over for a corner.

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BANNON WILL MISS BIG CUP GAME

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Fitzroy Alexander captain Pat Bannon will miss the Phillips Cup quarter-final against Canberra City on September 24 because he was shown the yellow card at Olympic Park last Sunday.

The caution boosted his total of penalty points to the level at which an automatic suspension is imposed.

Bannon was shown the card by referee Stewart Mellings in the 65th minute over a blatant foul on Zdravko Lulu, who broke his hand in the match.

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Lulu would have scored again had it not been for good defending by Jim O'Reilly. Jim Kriaris went on a strong run through the middle and played a perfect through pass for Lulu to score.

Lulu looked set to strike as O'Reilly stormed in to rob Lulu of the ball.

Alexander came close to scoring in the 80th minute when Dennis Boland's corner came to Jim Campbell in the middle as goalkeeper Dennis Boland missed it. However, Andy Kazel cleared Campbell's header and Kazel also came close in the second half.

Mike Micevski, who had replaced Boland, got into the area on a low ball but his shot was blocked well by Boland.

Campbell, alone in the area, shot wide and then Campbell and Cole had shot blocked in a frenzy of activity.

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KRIARIS TO COACH

Jim Kriaris, who retired at the weekend after 13 years of senior soccer, will now turn to coaching.

Kriaris will fly to Europe next March for coaching courses in West Germany or Holland.

Fitzroy Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos and Footscray JUST boss Tony Kovac each made a presentation to Kriaris before his last match on Sunday.

Kriaris joined Alexander as a 13-year-old in 1961 and transferred to JUST in 1973.

After the game, he said: "I want to thank the J.S.U.T. committee and players for the best five years of my soccer career, and I want to thank Cedric Cirkovic for bringing me to such a fine club."

"I also want to thank Alexander for the presentation that Jim Mangopoulos made to me. It was something I had not expected and I am deeply grateful."

"The best present the players could possibly have given me was our 1-0 victory."

"I thank JUST president Tony Kovac and wish the club the very best for the future."

"I also thank my wife Helen and the rest of my family for their support."

Staunch fans

Patrick Mangan, 14, made the 100-km journey from Bellarine to watch Footscray J.S.U.T. at Olympic Park and to meet the players.

Patrick's older brother John, 15, who goes to boarding school in Melbourne, came along.

Patrick had with him a booklet on J.S.U.T. and the Philips League. He and a friend, Mark Seymour, had compiled it.

In the J.S.U.T. rooms before the match, the players signed autographs for the boys and wished them well.

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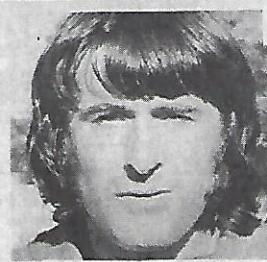
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Although it would be premature to describe Green Gully as a giant killer, the club's 5-0 triumph over George Cross earlier this season was an incredible, if not unexpected feat.

The Gully is well on the way towards establishing itself as one of Victoria's top clubs, but not so long ago it was battling in the wilderness.

In fact, George Cross was a thriving State club before the Greens even had a senior team!

But now the ambitious St Albans Club is heading upward, and has caught up with George Cross.

With a modern ground and sporting complex, a progressive administration and ever-increasing support from this local Maltese community, Green Gully is one of the few clubs which are alive on the stagnant local scene.

Let's look back at the development of the two clubs.

George Cross came into being in 1947. The tide of post-war immigration saw soccer spring up in Australia, backed by various ethnic groups.

The Cross brought together Maltese people and soon (1948) the club was affiliated with the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Slowly, but surely the club built up and in 1953 won its first honor. That was the Third Division championship.

That success gave the club the impetus needed, and the following year it took the Se-

cond Division championship, as well as the reserve title.

In 1955, a Maltese immigrant, Harry Moakes, found that many youngsters in the St Albans area wanted to play soccer, but had no local teams to go to.

Moakes decided he would set up a club and named it after a team he'd admired in his homeland — Ajax — which had a playing strip of green and white.

In the early years, Ajax ran only junior teams, but every year the number of players increased.

In the meantime, George Cross won the 1956 under 23 'World Cup' (a competition run locally between different ethnic groups).

In 1957, George again won the Second Division championship and reserve league, and repeated its previous success by winning the 1958 'World Cup'.

It's interesting to note that while the 'Cross was winning the State League Cup, the Dockerty Cup and finishing runner-up in the State League in 1959, Green Gully had only two junior teams!

George Cross hit a peak in the years 1960-62, with the Ampol Cup (runner-up once), and Dockerty Cup (runner-up once) and the State League reserve league.

In the same period, George twice finished second in the State League and twice was runner up in the State League Cup.

It was 1962 when Green Gully first entered a senior team in local competition.

However, in 1964, George Cross achieved a feat that even Green Gully would applaud. The 'Cross won the Australian Cup in the same year, George also finished runner-up in the State League and the Dockerty Cup.

1964 was fruitful for 'Gully as well. The club won promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division, scoring 70 goals in the process.

The Greens narrowly missed promotion in 1965 but secured a place in the Second Divi-

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GEORGE CROSS: Kastner;
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Ajax v George Cross at St Albans, 3 pm, Sunday.

GREENS MAKE BID FOR CROWN HELD BY GEORGE CROSS

A victory by Green Gully Ajax over George Cross at St Albans on Sunday will give Ajax the right to challenge the Cross for the title of number one Maltese-backed soccer club in Victoria.

For many years the Gully has lived in the shadow of the mighty Cross, but it broke through with a stunning 5-0 victory this season, the first time the St. Albans club has beaten its Maltese rivals.

Will George Cross get revenge for its earlier drubbing and maintain its supremacy, or will Green Gully build on its success and snatch the crown after playing second fiddle for so long? That's the attraction of the 'Battle of St Albans'.

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There's no doubt the rivalry between the fans, but the two sets of players also have a score to settle.

As State League champions, the 0-5 loss to Green Gully was humiliating for the George boys. Their form since that debacle has improved greatly, and John Sanchez has replaced Billy Wilkinson as coach. They are out to even things up.

Green Gully was aiming to finish in the top four this season. However, inconsistency cost the green and whites dearly.

But still the team's credibility is at stake. If Green Gully goes down to George Cross, the 5-0 win in round eight will look like a fluke. The Gully men think they're good enough to be in the top four, and will be out to prove it by beating George Cross.

And what do the coaches think? Unfortunately they aren't caught up in the "big game fever" that has swept through the fans.

"It's just another State League game to us," said George Cross coach John Sanchez. "Of course we want to win it, but that's what we try to do every week."

"I wasn't with the side when they got down 5-0, but I know the boys are playing much better now. They're looking forward to the game because they have something to prove."

Green Gully coach Duncan McKay expressed similar sentiments, said his team would be going all out to win for the supporters.

"The club has been very good to the players and to me," he said, "and we'd like to win for them. But apart from that, it's another game that we want to win. We don't really look at it the same way the fans do."

"The last time we met George Cross we played very well. But it's been a strange season. I think we should have done better, but still the club has done fairly well."

I think the game will be a battle between the teamwork and unity of Green Gully, and the individual flair in the George team.

Green Gully's midfield has no man in man. The success of the team in this area depends on all three midfielders — Les

Thomson, Ian McCarthy and Nigel Daniels — putting together and working as a unit. All three are honest workers and are expected to battle for the full 90 minutes.

However, George's midfield has more balance and technique about it. The general is the experienced Billy Wilkinson.

While he's knocking passes around, the solidly built Tony Castelo plays as the defensive midfielder. He's strong, and is hard to pass and is great at breaking down attacks, then pumping the ball forward.

The attacking partner in the George midfield trio is Robert Mirak. Agile and fast, Mirak does a good job buzzing around and supporting the front runners, as well as getting back to defend.

On paper, George Cross has the edge in midfield. However, if Wilkinson doesn't produce, the side isn't as effective. Green Gully may assign someone to shadow the George dangerman, which may level up the score.

Ken Reed, the goalscoring dynamo of last season, is just running into form. He played poorly at the start of the season, and as a result, George struggled.

However, he's now back to his best and is menacing defenders every week. Reed is as strong a a horse, and shields the ball extremely well.

His marker — John Cain — faces a difficult task. But Cain is the most accomplished Gully defender and one of the best centre halves in the State. Last time he faced Reed, the George man came off second best. The duel between these two will have a big bearing on the outcome of the game.

Stan Klein, the Gully full back, has the unenviable job of trying to contain George's Robert "Tiger" Cullen. The wee winger is in the Tommy Cummings mould: small in size, but big on speed and effort. Cullen doesn't stop pestering backmen and given an inch, will take off with quick acceleration.

It's interesting to note that Klein did a better than average job marking Cummings when Green Gully played Essendon Croatia.



The George Cross team that won the 1977 State League championship, standing from left: Derek Barron, Paul Murphy, Kevin Kelly (now Altona), Lou Kastner (now Keilor Austria), John Webb, Ken Reed. Front: Phil Cutajar, Robert Cullen, Billy Wilkinson, Alex McConville, Peter Ebini.



Green Gully Ajax, standing from left: Franz Berens, Stan Klein, Peter Donaldson, Gerry Tribuzio, John Cain, Lou Denys, Andy Segi. Front: Ian McCarthy, John Patten, Joe Thompson, Steve Bennie, Les Thomson, David Perkin.

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Changes work for Albion

ALBION LEYLAND 3 (Mitten 33rd min., Donaldson own goal 66th min., Grecian 68th min.)
GREEN GULLY (McCarthy 63rd min.)

ALBION: Oliver, Daperis, McCluskey, Blair, Nesbit, Davidson, Mitten, McCormack, Greenhill, Campbell, O'Sullivan.

GREEN GULLY: Doyle, Donaldson (Cully 1st), Potts, Cain, Klein, McCormack, Daniels, L. Thompson (Tribusco 2nd), Segi, Carr, Smith.

After being dogged by leg breaks for over a year, Albion got breaks of a different kind to come out of a sticky situation and beat Green Gully for their fourth win of the season. Albion coach Billy Cully tried a number of changes, including Mitten and McCormack in midfield to back up front runners Kit Grecian and Mick O'Sullivan and stand-in centre forward Frank Campbell. Cully was pleased with the result. McCormack benefited by facing play rather than having their backs to it up front.

Green Gully adopted an adventurous approach from the start, playing with a three-man defence and giving John Cain a roving role, except for picking up Mitten in defensive set pieces. Cain thrived on the task and added to Ian McCarthy's mountain of work in midfield, created numerous openings for the Gully front runners. Had they been converted, the Greens could have earned home by an avalanche of goals.

Steve Carr was the main culprit. He reads the game intelligently and took a lot of punishment from two well-drilled defenders, Jeff O'Gorman and Steve Blair in performing his task but he lacked bite in his finishing although he also found Jeff O'Gorman in good form in the Albigore.

Peter Tatten again played his heart out in Gully's defence.

For Albion, former West Australian John Davidson impressed with his work in midfield. He fought for possession and distributed the ball well.

Oller made some good saves and earned praise from Cully for his performance. The pair on the side were best player vs. Blair. The youngster, not due to turn 17 until November, has now played 16 consecutive matches in the heart of the Albion defence.

He accepts responsibility in a manner that belies his youth.

The match itself was of immense importance to Albion in their fight to stay in the top four.

Albion opened the score when, following a free kick for an infringement outside the area, the ball came to Mitten who planted it past Denby to give the home side a swamped by the overjoyed team-mates.

Gully equalised through Ian McCarthy with a shot from the edge of the area after he received the ball off Carr.

It was a critical time for Albion and for once they found an ounce of luck three minutes later when Peter Donaldson received the ball from Carr and from Lou Denby, was just under the crossbar to score. In attempting to feed it back to his keeper he only managed to plant the ball into his own net.

Albion pressed forward again and soon doubled over Denby for his side's third goal to make the game safe for his side. — PETER DESIRA

Regional night

All junior clubs within the Dandenong Region (VIC) are invited to attend a regional night tonight (Wednesday) at Wembley Park, Canterbury Road, Box Hill, commencing at 8pm.

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Davidson) SUNSHINE CITY 0.

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Gardiner, Kokoska, Bilaver, Murphy, Kerr, Andrews, Davidson, Cumming, Velicko.

SUNSHINE CITY: Scholten, Dwyer, Ellis, Lowe, Howe, Mussel, Nierobisz, (Lang), R. Nelson, McRobert, Popcock (Cook), D. Nelson.

Essendon Croatia have finally sealed the 1978 Victorian State League Championship.

With three games remaining, Croatia is in an impregnable position at the top of the ladder, leading second-placed Makedonia by eight points.

The Essendon side has faltered in recent games but coach Bill McArthur defended his players and blamed the "pressure of being so close to the championship" for his team's indifferent displays.

"I'm glad we've clinched the league and now that the pressure is off we can concentrate on getting back to our peak for the business end of the season," said McArthur.

Sunshine City outplayed Croatia in the first half, having a lot more scoring chances and being more determined to win the ball.

However, the turning point came in the 53rd minute when Brian Davidson put Croatia into lead.

Tommy Cumming was outstanding against his old team, and Howard Andrews and John Gardiner were also good.

For Sunshine, Steve Ellis and Scholten were the best.

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2 Jullien (Suns)

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2 Patten (Gull)

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2 Gadsby (Hak)

1 Nagy (Hak)

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3 Lewis (All)

2 Train (Slavia)

1 Short (Slavia)

Progressive

21 Yzendoorn (Slavia)

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17 Short (Suns), McClymont (Mak)

15 Whitehead (Hak)

14 Cain (Gull), Gardner (Cro)

13 Bernard (Mak), Carnaby (Ring)

12 Coulson (Ring), Kerr (Cro), Bilaver (Hak), Riordan (Geo)

11 van der Poel (Alt), McCarthy (Gully)

10 Irvine (Franks) Hotson (Juve)

9 Kosic (Cro), Dixey (Suns)

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7 Davy (Ajax), Sablouski (Geo)

6 Ivanov (Suns), Lees (Suns), Webster (All), Adams (Ring), Little (All)

5 Petrovski (Mak), L. Thompson (Gully), Lewis (All), C. Luchessi (Juve), Davidson (Alt), Carr (Gully), M. Thompson (Suns), Clarke (Slavia), Clarey (Hak)

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11 Coulson (Geo)

10 Mulligan (Geo)

8 Reed (Geo), D. Nelson (Suns)

7 Segi (Gully), Krivcic (Cro)

6 Votter (Cro), MacGregor (Franks)

5 Taylor (Geo), C. Luchessi (Juve), Triboz (Geo), M. Thompson (All), Lucy (Ring), Paparas (Geo)

4 Popcock (Suns), Mitten (Ley)

3 Glennon (Mak), Eadie (Franks)

2 (Franks), Bernard (Mak), Brown (All), Mulligan (Geo), McCarthy (Cro)

1 (Franks), Mulligan (All)

4 Craig (Taylor), Taylor (All), Kerr (Cro), Webster (Frank), Gilder (Cro), Thom (Ring).



Essendon Croatia — the 1978 State League champion from left, standing — Miro Franjic, John Gardiner, Grant Smart, Ken Murphy, Yakkia Banovic, Steve Kokoska, Alan Kerr, Ante Bilaver, Bill McArthur (coach). Front row — Zeljko Lesan, Branko Culina, Billy Vojtek, Tommy Cumming, Howard Andrews, Brian Davidson. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

COULSON OUT OVER LONG HAIR This week's games

HAKOAH ST. KILDA 4 (Clarey 22nd and 90th mins., Gibson 84th min., Nagy 87th min.) **RINGWOOD CITY 1** (Thom 15th min.).

HAKOAH, Whitehead 6, Owers 7, Dosen 6, Baker 7, Vaffi 8, Blair 8, Jardine injured (Gadsby 8, 1st min.), Gibson 7, Rooney 5 injured (Nagy 62nd min.), French 6, Clarey 7.

RINGWOOD, Wilding 5, Adams 6, Garthwaite 6, Carnaby 5, Verniers 5, Pasman 5, McCallaghan 6, Barber 5 injured (Plumb 69th min.), Anderson 5, Layton 6, Thom 6.

Hakoah made hard work of disposing of a disorganized Ringwood City, hitting the front only six minutes from the end.

However, after taking the lead in the dying stages, the Hakoahs had to give it a flattering 4-1 win.

Hakoah didn't have much bite or urgency from front until the point which saw them in the lead, mainly due to the lack of one-on-one marking, mainly short passing and support of the player with the ball.

Ringwood looked best this season when its defense was tight and played with a no-nonsense attitude, but the side had to wait until after the sacking of popular coach Freddie Bunce. The backbone is far too square, there's no-one in midfield who can hold and distribute the ball and there's little fighting spirit in the side, a most disturbing feature.

Ringwood's midfield general Willie Coulson was missing for the third successive game because his hair is long.

Ringwood president and team selector John van Hoboken (senior) gave Coulson an ultimatum — get your hair cut or you won't play.

Coulson decided his hair would stay.

Van Hoboken then sacked Coulson from his job as manager of the club which is owned by the Ringwood president.

This is a suicidal act by the Ringwood boss. Coulson is Ringwood's best player and picking up the pieces will be extremely difficult without the long-haired midfield wizard.

Hakoah struck trouble in the opening minute when Bill Jardine twisted his ankle going for a tackle and had to be taken off.

However, his replacement — Steve Gadsby — made up for the loss of Jardine with an impressive display in midfield.

"Against Slavia we had at least 85% of the play but ended up losing.

Even the Slavia players admitted after the game they were lucky.

"I might be prettier but playing like that is no fun," said Gadsby.

"Most clubs would start attacking coaches and players in a similar situation to ours," said Wilson, "but the coaches are right behind me. That helps us a lot and I'm confident we can do it."

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'We'll make it:' Wilson

BILL McCCLYMONT of Makedonia is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at superb Nickleby's of Carlton.

ALTONA CITY 0 SLAVIA 1 (Paton)

Altona City will not be relegated! That's the confident prediction of Altona coach Joe Wilson despite his team being two points adrift bottom place with only three games remaining.

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"Most clubs would start attacking coaches and players in a similar situation to ours," said Wilson, "but the coaches are right behind me. That helps us a lot and I'm confident we can do it."

League change

ROUND 22 of the Rothmans State League Championship fixtures scheduled for September 1, 1978, has been brought forward to weekend 16th/17th September 1978 and the matches will be played as shown:

Saturday September 16: Sunshine City v Ringwood City (Chaplin Reserve)

Sunday September 17: Prahran v Frankston City (Centenary Park), Frankston v Sunshine City v Juventus (Kings Reserve), Essendon Croatia v Green Gully (Olympic Park), Hakoah St Kilda v George Cross (Middle Park), Macclesfield v Werribee and (B. T. Connor Reserve, Reservoir).

The outstanding Dorkerty Cup quarter finals will be played as a double header at Olympic Park on Wednesday, September 13, kick off 5.45pm.

1st Game: George Cross v Sunshine City.

2nd Game: Essendon Croatia v Frankston City.

WOMEN'S TITLES

Early results of the Australian Women's Championship at Newcastle: Rd 1: Western Australia 4 (S. Brentnall 2, J. Senjushenko, J. Pettitt) Queensland 0; Northern NSW 5 (R. Isiefel 4, D. Sommerville) Northern Territory 0; Tasmania 1 (P. Reilly); Victoria 0; New South Wales 3 (J. Dolan 2, C. Ryderson) Queensland 1 (P. Reilly); Western Australia 0; Northern NSW 3 (R. Isiefel 2, J. Pettitt); A. Senjushenko 1 (P. O'Connor); Northern Territory 2 (K. Richards, L. Cubillo); Victoria 3 (J. Melvin 2, A. Martin); Northern NSW 1 (R. Isiefel); Rd 3: Western Australia 3 (J. Pettitt 2, S. Brentnall); NSW 1 (C. McCullity); Victoria 14 (A. Martin 8, J. Melvin 3, S. Bass, C. Elvey, M. Rust); Northern Territory 0; Queensland 3 Northern NSW 0.

Striker needed

O JUVENTUS 0

George Cross still has a slender chance of making the top four but the task would've been a lot easier if the team had taken two points from the match against Juventus.

Rothmans goalie of the week

Frankston City is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the week. The leading keeper will receive \$250 at the end of the season. Progress will be made at Wembley Park (All), Wattle Park (Ring), 2 Laumets (Mak), Petersen (Frank), 1 Scholten (Suns), Banovic (Cro), Clarke (Slavia), Danus (Cultus).

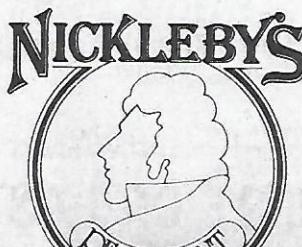
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German coach to visit

Australian national coach Rudi Gutendorf has arranged for one of Europe's leading soccer coaching directors to visit Australia.

He is Karl-Heln-Heddergott, director of coaching for the West German Football Association.

Mix produces a winning style

The trend towards the use of Australian-produced players in our top soccer is accelerating, especially in Sydney.

This can be seen in the make-up of three of Sydney's Phillips League teams — West's St George and Marconi.

Woodhouse, Skellern, Turnbull, Rowden, Stone, Fisher (Wests) John O'Shea, Robert O'Shea, Harris, Terry, Gross, Coe (St George) Maher, Dugay, Russel, Marian, Charne, Jankovic (Marconi) and all 1st team regulars who have developed in Australia.

Second-placed NSW State league team, Sutherland, has a first team in which every player was developed in Australia, most of them in the

local Sutherland region.

The Scottish and English influence however still remains the strongest factor affecting the game in this country.

This is especially so with the large number of British players in top sides like Hakoah and South Melbourne Hellas.

However, players, not nationalities, styles or team formations are what produce success.

West Adelaide, with its English-born target man Pillans and its aggressive Scottish midfielders McGachey, Honeyman and Boyle have found success with the British style and a Scottish coach, Jim Adam.

On the other hand, English coach Alan Vest, has not been able to achieve the same results with his English players at Newcastle.

The British skills have been controlled and refined by the thoughtful Israeli coach, Gerry Chaldi at Hakoah and

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he has produced a quick-passing style that is pleasing to watch as well as effective.

Rale Basic has done the same at Marconi.

I believe there is now a definite trend towards technically skilful soccer in this country, in which all nationalities are influencing the other.

It was once said that Australian players could not produce top skill.

Gary Marrochi, Peter Stone, Mark Jankovic, Peter Sherne, Kevin Mullin and so many other Australian developed players in the Phillips League and throughout the country are proving this is not so.

The mix of British and Australian temperament and aggression allied to European and South American skills is beginning to produce the type of players and teams which will be well equipped for modern soccer — even at international level.

he returned to West Germany last month to wind up his affairs before taking over his new appointment in Australia.

Gutendorf is expected back in Australia mid-September.

Byrne to Germany for fee of \$15,000

Marconi is likely to sell Socceroo Gary Byrne to West German club Viktoria Cologne for \$15,000.

Marconi originally valued Byrne at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the European market, but is prepared to accept Cologne's bid.

Viktoria Cologne is currently 18th in the 20-team West German Second Division (north).

Byrne left Australia midway through the current season, to gain overseas experience.

Hellas 'not interested in broadening base'

FALLING CROWDS TROUBLE PSL

After much talk about soccer fans vanishing from Sydney this year, clouds are now also gathering in Brisbane and Melbourne and the Phillips League's management is starting to take notice of the danger signs.

Most noticeable have been the poor turnout of soccer fans in the Queensland capital — especially when contracted with the crowds of six to seven thousand claimed for some fixtures last year.

It is generally agreed that those crowds were grossly over-estimated and the installation of proper turnstiles at Perry Park this year has brought the local patriot down to earth.

Looking to Melbourne, Footscray JUST became one of the "sick men" of the PSL this year with home crowds regularly announced as around 1000.

This leads to the reasonable deduction that the actual attendance at some matches was in the hundreds.

PSL manager John Frank this week said his management committee was most concerned with attendances at the two centres and he has several explanations for the problems facing the league.

"We are very concerned about Brisbane City's position, although their poor playing record this year could partly be blamed for the small home crowds," he said.

"As for Lions, they are in a special position, playing as they do virtually away from home when in Brisbane."

The PSL manager explained that Lions' following is based almost completely

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believes.

"They are not selling their product to a broader base of potential support, and in addition their performance is not as good as it was earlier," he said.

"Fitzroy Alexander's following is much bigger, therefore is the drop in attendances is not of the same magnitude."

As to the suggestion that, outside the two provincial cities, the league could develop into a competition almost exclusively of Greek and Italian sponsored clubs, Frank complained of "club resistance" to broadening the basis of their general appeal.

"Look at South Melbourne," he said.

"They are on the crest of a wave, winning matches, getting big crowds and thus having the money to spend on players."

"Frankly, they are unconcerned about broadening their basis."

However, when a team is erratic in its performance the crowds inevitably shrink, even if it is a Greek-supported outfit, as in the case of Olympic in Sydney.

"The clubs ought to think very seriously about the need to recruit new supporters."

"If they won't do this of their own volition, the league will make it very clear to them next year that something must be done," the PSL manager said.

Those bottom on seats at soccer grounds around Australia are a major concern to the PSL was made obvious by the method of deciding home teams for the forthcoming Phillips Cup matches.

Attendance figures



PSL manager
John Frank

throughout the year were taken into account, as well as travel undertaken by the remaining clubs in previous rounds.

Potential crowds will also be a major factor in deciding the venues of the Top Four play-offs.

However, Frank tried to calm uneasy Sydney fans by predicting that the league will try to have some play-off action in Harboor.

"This is reassuring, indeed, as the PSL would do, otherwise at its own peril.

Although not the only problem spot on the Australian soccer map, it would be foolish to deny that Sydney is ailing.

However, it would be just as foolish to try to "cure" the patient with a deliberate policy of neglect.

It has been noted by Sydney fans — and noted with extreme chagrin — that both quarter-finals of the Phillips Cup involving local teams are to be played away from home.



Georgio Chinaglia (left) — punched team-mate Steve Hunt. Franz Beckenbauer (right) — lost Sweeper's position to Carlos Alberto.

'Idiot'—and then a right cross!

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Just over 12 months ago the New York Cosmos' high priced talent won the North American Soccer League title, but the Cosmos suffered the same problems as a film stable of shouting and pouting egos.

With the wealthiest and most talented team in the league, the Cosmos are favorites to repeat their title victory — if they don't kill each other first.

"I have 50,000 people who can't care less of the music business for me," says Ahmet Ertegun, Cosmos president and chairman of Atlantic Records, a vital Warner Communications company.

"But the soccer is driving me crazy. I have a coach who wants a certain type of player, I have a general manager who wants glamour and I have a volatile team that get angry if you get rid of anyone."

"We could spend \$8 million and buy a team that would annihilate everyone."

"But that would only kill the league. So we compromised and built a team that will only beat everyone."

Last year the Cosmos very nearly murdered each other off.

There were ugly ego clashes and power struggles in the locker room and executive suite.

Rumors were rife about new players coming in and management changes.

Players were paranoid and it got worse when Clive Toye, Cosmos president, and Gordon Bradley, team coach, were sacked.

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Pele trembling and tears streaming down his cheeks, said: "I hope that from now on, things will be different. I hope now players go to the coach with problems."

Eddie Firmani was the new coach and there were allegations that he had been offered the job months before by his old friend, Giorgio Chinaglia.

Most of the players refused to speak to Chinaglia.

The tensions erupted on the practice field one day.

Chinaglia messes up a pass from Steve Hunt and the English star forward called Chinaglia "stupid".

When Chinaglia messes up another pass, he called him an "idiot".

He couldn't get another word in before Chinaglia floored him with a right cross.

Firmani tried to create some harmony on the field. He was a shrewd tactician interested in winning games, not personal contests.

Some of his moves were controversial. Firmani gave the sweeper role to Carlos Alberto and put Beckenbauer in midfield.

Beckenbauer accepted the news gracefully, but was clearly uncomfortable.

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They recently lost their unbeaten 26-game home record and are struggling.

But will they get it all together again for the NASL final and win it for the second year running at the Giants Stadium — their home ground?

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Coaching by McKendrey

The Victorian director of coaching, Len McKendrey, will conduct the next session for the eastern branch of the Victorian Coaches Federation at Ringwood United ground, Wonga Park, on Monday, September 4 at 7.30 pm.

McKendrey will be assisted by staff coaches, Freddy Bunce and Fred Brooks.

The session is aimed at improving coaching techniques and advising people who want to take coaching courses under the Rothmans national coaching scheme.

Further information is available from D. Barker

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VICTORIAN CUPS DRAW

The draw for preliminary rounds of the Victorian Wimfield Cup with scheduled dates:

Saturday, September 9 — Preliminary Round: Western Suburbs v Moreland; Monash Uni. or Brighton v Clayton; Mooroolbark v Heidelberg; Box Hill v Collingwood City; Eltham v Coburg; Waverley or South Yarra v Nunawading; Werribee v Glenelg; Carlton or Essendon v Essendon City; Doncaster Rovers v Dandenong City; Werribee v Kelso; Dandenong City v Yarraville; Polonia or Springvale v Frankston; Carlton v Royal Park; Bendigo v Mornington; Carlton v Karingal; Hotham v Kew.

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J. Adam

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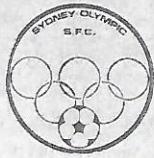
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